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DAY SPEECH

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF SPEECH DELIVERED IN
PLENARY BY AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG, DECEMBER 9, TO COMMEMORATE
29TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADOPTION OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS: BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN,

IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING THAT THIS BELGREADE MEETING,
AS YOU HAVE DONE, MR. CHAIRMAN, TAKE PROPOER RECOGNITION
THAT TOMORROW IS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. MY GOVERNMENT AND
MOST OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS MANY
GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, WILL BE OBSERVING THE 29TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH AS I NOTED IN A PRIOR INTERVENTION, IS
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE FINAL ACT. TODAY I WOULD
LIKE TO SUGGEST THATTHE PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE
HELSINKI ACCORD HAVE A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO MORE
THAN "OBSERVE" THIS EVENT OF TRANSCENDENT IMPORTANCE.

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SEPARATELY AND TOGETHER, WE CAN, IF WE HAVE THE POLITI-
CAL WILL, TRANSLATE THE RHETORIC OF CELEBRATION INTO THE
CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND INTO ACTIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT
OUR CITIZENS AS INDIVIDUALS AND OUR NATIONS AS MEMBERS
OF A STABLE WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY.

AT THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION IS ITS

RECOGNITION THAT "THE INHERENT DIGNITY AND THE EQUAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY" LIE AT "THE FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE WORLD." THAT SAME CONCEPT ANIMATES THE FINAL ACT. IT IS PARAPHRASED IN THE PREAMBLE, DETAILED IN PRINCIPLE 7 AND SPECIFIED IN THE ACT'S HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS.

AS A CONCEPT, THE LINK BETWEEN THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE JUST ORDERING OF THE SOCIETY IN WHICH HE LIVES IS AN OLD PRECEPT FOR MANY OF OUR SOCIETIES. AS A FOUNDATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER, IT IS A RELATIVELY INNOVATIVE IDEA, A VISION BORN OF TWO WORLD WARS AND THE DETERMINATION TO PROMOTE JUSTICE, LIBERTY, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY. THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION SPEAKS OF "BARBAROUS ACTS WHICH HAVE OUTRAGED THE CONSCIENCE OF MANKIND" AND TIES THEIR PREVENTION TO THE PROMOTION OF "FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS."

OUR CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE HAS BEEN EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH TO DEEPEN THOSE RELATIONS, NOT LEAST THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION PROCLAIMED. WE ARE APPROACHING THE TIME FOR ACTION -- THE DRAFTING OF OUR FINAL DOCUMENT BASED ON THIS REVIEW OF OUR SHORTCOMINGS AS WELL AS THE ADVANCES WE HAVE MADE AND THE PROPOSALS TABLED. IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SUMMARIZE THE POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES

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BEFORE US.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAS CONSISTENTLY ADHERED TO THE VIEW THAT THIS MEETING HAS BEEN, AND IS, REQUIRED FRANKLY AND HONESTLY TO REVIEW THE RECORD OF THE IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL OF THE SIGNATORY STATES, AS WELL AS TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSALS TO FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION. WE ALSO ARE OF THE VIEW THAT WE ARE OBLIGATED INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO REAFFIRM OUR DETERMINATION TO FULFILL OUR SOLEMN UNDERTAKINGS IN THE FINAL ACT. FURTHER, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE MUST GIVE ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO THE FINAL ACT'S INNOVATIVE COMMITMENT ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF AND WE MUST COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS. TO THIS END MY DELEGATION, JOINED BY OTHERS, HAS SPONSORED PROPOSAL BM/60 REAFFIRMING PRINCIPLE 7 AND SEVEN OTHER RESOLUTIONS EMPHASIZING AND ENDORSING OTHER SPECIFIC HUMANITARIAN MEASURES OF THE FINAL ACT.

WE SHOULD, IN THE OPINION OF MY DELEGATION, AND IN FIDELITY TO THE FINAL ACT, ALSO GIVE SPECIAL AND

COLLECTIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE VALUABLE AND PRIVILEGED, AND WHAT SHOULD BE THE PROTECTED, ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN FURTHERING THE PRECESS OF IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THEIR PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PRACTICES IN THEIR OWN AND IN OTHER SIGNATORY COUNTRIES. THIS TOO IS THE SUBJECT OF A PROPOSAL WHICH WE AND OTHERS HAVE TABLED.

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AND WE SHOULD ALSO JOINTLY PLEDGE OUR ENERGETIC EFFORTS BOTH TO PROTECT THE RIFHTS OF RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS AMONG OUR CITIZENS AND TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT AMONG THEM, AS THE FINAL ACT STIPULATES.

OUR GIVING OF SUCH COMMITMENTS WILL BE UNDERSTOOD AROUND THE WORLD AS A FRESH CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCESS BEGUN IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FINAL ACT. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH OF THE FINAL ACT DEPENDS FOR ITS REALIZATION ON THE UNILATERAL ACTIONS OF EACH OF OUR STATES. IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, THE INITIATIVE, AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION LIES VERY MUCH AT HOME, SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO THE TYPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING IN THE IMPORTANT REVIEW WE ARE CONDUCTING AT THIS MEETING.

IN THE UNITED STATES, THE AGENDA OF UNFINISHED HUMAN RIGHTS BUSINESS IS NOT FULLY REALIZED, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PROUD OF OUR OVER-ALL RECORD. IT INCLUDES ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AGREE-

MENTS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH PRESIDENT
CARTER RECENTLY SIGNED AT THE UNITED NATIONS. IT
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INCLUDES PROGRAMS -- NONE OF THEM YET PERFECTED,
BUT ALL OF THEM ALREADY SOLID GOVERNMENTAL POLICY COM-
MITMENTS -- TO ADVANCE THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF MINORITIES
AND THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF ALL CITIZENS. AND,
FINALLY, IT INCLUDES THE SEARCH FOR BETTER WAYS TO
IMPLEMENT THE POLICY, ENSHRINED IN SUCH LEGISLATION AS
OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, OF PROMOTING "THE INCREASED
OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS."

THE EFFORT THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING IS A SINCERE
ONE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD, IN THE
SAME SPIRIT, EXAMINE THEIR CONDUCT TO SEE, BY WAY OF
ILLUSTRATION, WHETHER THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
IS TRULY FOSTERED, WHETHER BELIEVERS CAN FREELY PROFESS
AND PRACTICE THEIR FAITH, WHETHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR
FREE ASSOCIATION OF BELIEVERS TO WORSHIP AND
CELEBRATE THEIR RELIGION ARE HONORED IN FACT AS WELL
AS WORDS. IT IS A FACT OF LIFE THAT IN SOME NATIONS
OF EASTERN EUROPE THOSE CONDITIONS DO NOT OBTAIN.
THIS IS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES.
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLION AMERICANS ARE IDENTIFIED
WITH PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, JEWISH, MOSLEM, BUDDHIST
AND OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.
THIS IS SAFEGUARDED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO OUR
CONSTITUTION WHICH GUARANTEES THE FREE EXERCISE OF
RELIGION. OUR PEOPLE SHARE THE BELIEF OF THE POET
TENNYSON, WHO ONCE WROTE THAT, "MORE THINGS ARE WROUGHT
BY PRAYER THAN MAN CAN DREAM OF." WE REGRET THE FACT
THAT GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDA-
MENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CON-
SCIENCE, RELIGION AND BELIEF EXIST IN SOME OF THE COUNTRIES
OF THE EAST.

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FUNDAMENTAL TO THE PURSUIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE
UNFETTERED EXPRESSION OF DIVERGENT AND PEACEFUL VIEWS.
TOMORROW, OBSERVING AN ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, LET US NOT FORGET
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNJUSTLY PUNISHED SIMPLY FOR EXPRESS-
ING WHAT IS CHARACTERIZED AS DISSENT. A NUMBER OF THE
SIGNATORIES OF THIS MEETING HAVE SUCH PRISONERS OF

CONSCIENCE.

TOMORROW'S ANNIVERSARY IS AN IMPORTANT OCCASION TO RECOMMIT OUR CONFERENCE TO ADVANCE TOWARD THE HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS OF THE FINAL ACT. AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAID IN HIS STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY "THE PROTECTION AND AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOW AMONG OUR MOST URGENT PRIORITIES. MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE YEAR, BUT REGRETTABLY MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE. DISTURBING VIOLATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD CONTRADICT THE GOALS AND IDEALS WE HAVE PROCLAIMED NOT ONLY IN THE DECLARATION, BUT IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THEY STAND AS SERIOUS BARRIERS IN THE WAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

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WE HAVE CITED SPECIFIC CASES, CATEGORIES AND COUNTRIES DURING THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AT THIS MEETING DEALING WITH SIGNIFICANT AND REGRETTABLE ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS' VIOLATIONS, AND PRESIDENT CARTER ON DECEMBER 3 IN REPORTING TO OUR CSCE COMMISSION HAS CITED IN GREAT DETAIL BOTH THE PROGRESS AND AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS POINTED OUT, THE "DISTURBING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH OCCURRED AND ARE STILL ALL TOO PREVALENT IN" VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

MAY DELEGATION WILL MAKE PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT, CITING CHAPTER AND VERSE, AVAILABLE TO ALL DELEGATIONS.

IT WOULD BE FITTING -- IN THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY,
AND OF THE OBLIGATION THE FINAL ACT PUTS ON EACH PARTI-
CIPANT -- FOR APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO EXAMINE AGAIN
THEIR COMPLIANCE IN LIGHT OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
AND THE FINAL ACT AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL
ACTION. AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION IN THIS
CONNECTION IN LIGHT OF THE SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.

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WE SHOULD RESPOND TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S
CALL FOR "ALL GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS AND PEOPLES IN EVERY NATION TO COMMEMORATE
THE HISTORIC OCCASION WE MARK TODAY BY RE-DEDICATING
THESELVES TO SECURING THE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS SET
FORTH IN THE DECLARATION. THE FINAL ACT MANDATES US TO
DO SO.

I HAVE SUGGESTED SOME ACTIONS OURSTATES CAN TAKE
HERE IN BELGRADE AND ELSEWHERE TO GIVE FITTING TRIBUTE
TO TOMORROW'S ANNIVERSARY. I CAN ONLY ADD THAT LIP
SERVICE IS NOT REAL OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ACTIONS
AND PRACTICES ARE THE TRUE TEST OF A SOCIETY'S COMMIT-
MENT TO ITS IDEALS. AS HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONORABLE
LAZAR MJSOV, PRESIDENT OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SAID IN HIS REMARKS COMMEMORAT-
ING THIS OCCASION: "THE OPPRESSION OF MAN AND NONRE-
SPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN NEGATIVE OMENS
OF SOCIAL UNREST AND EVEN INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT. IN
THE INTEREST OF PEACEFUL AND PROGRESSIVE ADVANCEMENT TO
A BETTER, MORE SECURE AND MORE JUSTWORLD, THE HUMAN
COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE MUST, ONCE AND FOR ALL, DO AWAY
WITH SUCH MANIFESTATIONS WHICH JEOPARDIZE FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHTS."

IN LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS MADE BY DELEGATES REPRE-
SENTING SOME OF THECOUNTRIES OFTHE EAST QUESTIONING
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY,
THE COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE
ANSWER.

AS THE REMARKS BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MOJSOV SO ELOQUENTLY POINT
OUT, PEACE, SECURITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IN-
DEED INDIVISIBLE, AND ALL THOSE WHO SEEK DETENTE MUCH
RECOGNIZE THAT THE DETENTE WE SEEK MUST HAVE A HUMAN
FACE IF IT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ENDURING.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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